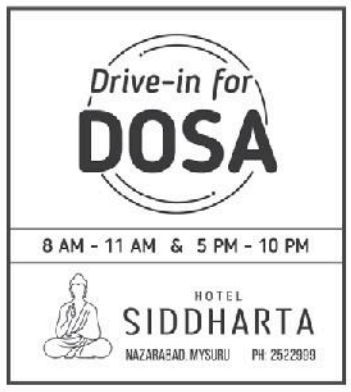

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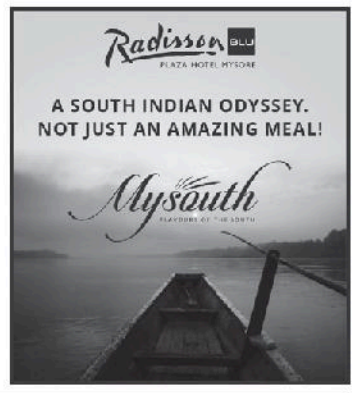

DISGRACE TO ADMINISTRATION

Kingpin draws double salary in MUDA, MCC for 20 years!!

MCC Commissioner dismisses B.K. Kumar from service on Nov. 6, 2024

- Employed on a contract basis at MCC and MUDA since 2004.
- Owns bungalow, properties worth crores of rupees.
- Provided a list of 8,000 sites facilitating illegal approvals.
- Benefitted influential persons, officers, intermediaries.
- Accessed MUDA records room to retrieve documents.

Mysuru, Nov. 13 (RK&BCT)- Shocking details have emerged from the corridors of the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) about a person believed to be the kingpin of the massive corruption involving the allocation of thousands of MUDA sites to unauthorised individuals.

Remarkably, this individual was working in both MCC and MUDA, drawing double salaries for the past 20 years and amassing significant wealth through his illegal dealings.

(See KINGPIN on page 7)

MCC office

MUDA office

B.K. Kumar in ED custody?

Has the Enforcement Directorate (ED) arrested B.K. Kumar, the purported kingpin of the MUDA 50:50 scam, for violating the law? Yes, according to reports from Bengaluru and sources.

While serving at MUDA, Kumar provided information about vacant sites and necessary documents for approvals to the previous commissioners. In connection with this, ED officials have gathered information from both the MUDA and MCC offices, sources said.

Sources revealed that just four days ago, ED officials took Kumar from his residence in Vijayanagar Second Stage and began their interrogation. During the ED raid on MUDA recently, other employees had told the ED regarding Kumar's misconduct, prompting the ED to discreetly gather detailed information about him.

Based on this, the ED took him into custody and is now subjecting him to intense interrogation in Bengaluru, sources said. It is also reported that Kumar has been unreachable by mobile phone for the past week, and even the influential politicians who had been assisting him are unable to contact him.

Will quit politics if PM proves graft charges against me: CM

Mysuru, Nov. 13 (BLU&DM)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has declared that he would step down from politics if Prime Minister Narendra Modi can substantiate the corruption allegations — specifically the purported Rs. 700 crore Excise Department scam — that have been levelled against the Congress Government.

The CM also posed a counter-challenge, questioning if PM Modi would resign should he fails to prove these charges.

Addressing reporters at his residence in T.K. Layout this morning, Siddaramaiah stated that he had not taken any money from the Excise Department and accused the BJP of fabricating baseless corruption claims.

Narendra Modi Siddaramaiah

The Chief Minister, who is in the city to inaugurate a series of development projects, expressed frustration over the Prime Minister's repeated use of such allegations during election rallies, particularly in poll-bound Maharashtra, suggesting that Karnataka and he himself were being targeted.

"What will the Prime Minister have to say about the corruption that occurred under BJP leadership during COVID-19 pandemic?" Siddaramaiah questioned, claiming that his Government is corruption-free and that he would continue to ensure that no corruption takes place in future.

In response to Minister Zameer Ahmed Khan's controversial remarks about the skin colour of Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, Siddaramaiah pointed out that the media had overlooked comments made by former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda about him.

He added that while Zameer and Kumaraswamy were once close friends, he was unaware of what caused their current friction. "Zameer's remarks will not negatively impact the Congress' candidate in the Channapatna bypoll," he asserted.

(See CM on page 6)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 13th November 2024

Rotary North to host 'Healthy Baby Contest' on Nov.15

Mysuru, Nov.13- As part of Children's Day, Rotary Mysore North and Inner Wheel Mysore North are jointly organising a 'Healthy Baby Contest' on Nov. 15 at Rotary Bhavan, Vijayanagar Railway Layout in the city from 10 am to 1 pm.

Children in the age group of 0-1, 1-2 and 2-3 years are eligible to participate in the contest.

Renowned Paediatrician of JSS Hospital Dr. Varsha and team will be the judges.

The valedictory will be held at 7 pm on the same day.

Interested parents may register the names of their children with Raju on Mob: 98808-97237 or M.J. Swamy on Mob: 81238-39688 or A.P. Virupaksha on Mob: 97394-59983 or Vimala on Mob: 94486-08921. Parents must bring the birth certificates of their children to the venue, according to a press release from Rotary Mysore North President Rtn. P. Prabhkar.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

VIBRANT ENERGY OF GANGA AARTI: ***The timeless ritual of Ganga aarti is deeply embedded into the cultural fabric of Benaras (Varanasi), our country's spiritual capital. In fact calling it a ritual seems inadequate, for, witnessing the aarti is imbibing the spiritual essence of Benaras. The divine energy permeating the air instils a sense of tranquillity on those present, be it a devotee or curious onlooker. It's a ceremonial worship of the river Ganga to express one's reverence and gratitude. It's a celebration of life, faith and devotion. It's also about the eternal cycle of creation and destruction.***

Ganga aarti is performed every evening on the banks of River Ganga at Dashashwamedh Ghat in Benaras. The aarti, which transcends time, is a well-planned and choreographed event performed by seven priests, all young and energetic, and dressed identical in elegant dhoti, saffron colour silk kurta and off-white stole. They start the aarti by chanting hymns and prayers in praise of the holy Ganga and blowing Shankh (conch shell) to sanctify the atmosphere and eliminate all the negativities.

Indeed, the distinctive sound of the Shankh is so spellbinding on the crowd that the hustle and bustle about finding the perfect place to watch the aarti instantly comes to an order and the entire crowd falls silent. The soothing rhythm of Bhajans over the speakers, the chants by the priests and the backdrop of the night sky adds to the allure and the effect is magical. The aarti consists of different phases and actions performed in a synchronised manner by the priests using a number of symbolic items like lighted incense sticks and diyas, yak tail fans, peacock feather fans, flower petals etc. The lighted diya represents agni (fire), the flower petals represent prithvi (earth), the sprinkling of water represents jal, the yak-tail fan represents the akash (space) and the peacock fan heralds the precious vayu (air).

Thus, all facets of tangible materials (or rather one's entire existence) are symbolically offered to Mother Ganga via the aarti ceremony.

The highlight of the aarti ceremony is when the priests handle the lit multi-tiered brass lamp elegantly and, with undying devotion perform the aarti in each direction, so that everyone gets a chance to see and imbibe the regenerative power. The Ganga aarti lasting for 45 minutes, offers an otherworldly experience, where everyone present feels the vibrant energy. Indeed the 'Ras' of Benaras continues to intoxicate. — *Jayanthi Chandrasekaran in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Mother installs jail cell in house for protection

Bangkok: An elderly woman desperate to keep her drug and gambling-addicted son away from temptation installed an iron jail cell inside her home.

After more than 20 years of living in constant fear of her drug-addicted son, a 64-year-old woman from Thailand's Buriram Province had contractors build a jail cell inside her home where she could confine the 42-year-old man when he became violent.

She told Police that she had tried everything to save her son over the years, including several rehabilitation attempts in over 10 different centres across the country, but nothing worked and he became increasingly violent as time went by.

Junk food causes boy go blind!

Massachusetts: A 12-year-old boy has tragically lost his eyesight to a nutrient-poor junk food diet that caused his optic nerves to atrophy beyond any hope of reversal.

The New England Journal of Medicine recently documented the case of a 12-year-old boy suffering from autism who ultimately went blind because of a junk food diet based mostly on burgers, fries, ranch dressing, donuts and boxes of sugary juice. The boy had been diagnosed with autism and suffered from an extreme phobia of certain food textures, so his parents found it impossible to introduce vital nutrients into his diet. Earlier this year, the unnamed boy began experiencing vision problems in the hours of the morning and in the evening, but his eyesight was fairly normal during the day. However, his vision started degrading at a rapid pace and in six weeks' time he could only move around if his parents helped him navigate obstacles. Then, one night, he woke up screaming that he couldn't see.

HEALTH CAPSULE

HPV vaccine should be taken by all adolescent girls aged 9 to 14 years, to prevent Cancer of Cervix.

By Dr. Shaheen Akhtar - Consultant - Obstetrics And Gynaecology Manipal Hospital, Mysore

manipalhospitals LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

NPS International School, Mysuru excels in Chess Competition

The students of NPS International School, Mysuru, have excelled at Pazzo Rapid Chess Competition-2024, a District-level Tournament organised by Carmel Catholic Association, Mysuru. In all, 900 participants took part in 3 categories. Seen in the picture are (from left) Vivaan Gupta of Class 7B (7th place), Ruhi Jain of Class 4B (3rd place), Principal Akhila Dinesh, Trishika R. Marballi of Class 4A (1st place), Aniketh R.G. Karanth of Class 10A (7th place); kneeling: Balram Athray of Class 10C (5th place).

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	Harangi DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **124.80 feet**	Today's level **2,281.58 feet**	Today's level **2,850.63 feet**
Last year's level **101.38 feet**	Last year's level **2,275.80 feet**	Last year's level **2,848.86 feet**
Yesterday's level **124.80 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,281.82 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,851.40 feet**
Today's Inflow **5,794 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **103 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **99 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **5,583 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,700 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,750 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *The eggs of humming bird are of the size of a pea.*
- *A penguin is the only bird that can walk straight.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Boss: You are late again Roshan.

Roshan: Sorry. It was late when I left home.

Boss: Why didn't you start early?

Roshan: By that time it was already too late to start early!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 84.40
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 107.54
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.98
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.63

VOICE OF THE READER

Rail Coach Restaurant at Vivekananda Park

A clear violation of Karnataka Parks Act

Sir,

Questions have already been raised about the suitability of the Rail Coach Restaurant at Vivekananda Park, opposite the V.V. Puram Police Station.

One significant issue is the lack of available parking space nearby, which alone should have been sufficient to prompt the Railways to consider relocating the restaurant, despite its potential appeal.

A more pressing concern is the violation of the Karnataka Parks and Open Spaces Act. The South Western Railway (SWR) has a history of violating this Act, dating back to the early 1990s when they constructed the Kalyana Mantap in Vontikoppal.

At that time, Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) and three nearby schools protested the move. The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner even offered an alternative site to the Railway authorities.

However, the Railways justified their actions by citing colonial-era regulations that allowed them to use their land as they saw fit and proceeded with the construction of Kalyana Mantap.

If the MCC had strictly enforced the Karnataka Parks Act and the rules outlined in the Mysuru Master Plan, they could have taken legal action against the Railways and halted the construction. Unfortunately, both MCC and MGP did not leverage these legal provisions then.

Now that MCC has applied the Parks Act to prevent encroachments in certain parks, it is imperative they take similar action to stop the use of Vivekananda Park for the Rail Coach Restaurant. Alternatively, an NGO should take this up legally.

I hope that as a law-abiding institution, the Railways will reconsider and choose a more appropriate location for the restaurant, aligning with legal and community expectations.

— Bhamy V. Shenoy,
Founder-President, MGP
Yadavagiri 12.11.2024

Vice-President of India presents *Kalidas Samman* to Raghupathi Bhat

Artist Ganjifa Raghupathi Bhat** (second from right) **of Mysuru seen receiving 'Kalidas Samman' from Vice-President of India Jagdeep Dhankhar** (second from left) **and Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh Mohan Yadav at the awards ceremony held at Ujjain yesterday evening as Madhya Pradesh Governor Mangubhai Patel looks on.

Ujjain (Madhya Pradesh), Nov. 13- Vice-President of India Jagdeep Dhankhar awarded 'Kalidas Alankaran Samman' for 2022-23 to eight eminent personalities including renowned artist Ganjifa Raghupathi Bhat of Mysuru during the 66th Akhil Bharatiya Kalidas Samaroh in Ujjain last evening.

Ganjifa Raghupathi Bhat was honoured with the National Kalidas Samman for the year 2023 in recognition of his Lifetime Achievement in the field of Ancient Indian Culture and Art for more than 50 years.

The award, presented annually by the Government of Madhya Pradesh, carried a purse of Rs. 5 lakh and a citation.

Speaking on the occasion, Jagdeep Dhankhar highlighted that the timeless creations of the eminent poet Kalidas uniquely exemplify the profound and enduring connection between humanity and nature.

He emphasised that these works are an invaluable part of India's cultural heritage. Madhya Pradesh government's efforts to preserve and celebrate this legacy through the Akhil Bharatiya Kalidas Samaroh deserve high commendation for their role in safeguarding our culture and heritage. The works of the great poet Kalidas will continue to inspire our life values, he said.

Paying tribute to the historic, religious and spiritual Kalidas' land — Ujjain — he hailed the unshakeable and transparent justice system of King Vikramaditya. He emphasised on the works of poet Kalidas like *Meghadūta* and *Shakuntala*, saying that the legend has always preached the golden ideas of humanity, purity of love, eternal truth of life, women's power and human's friendly relations with nature.

He thanked Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav for organising the cultural and literary event. MP Governor Mangubhai Patel, CM Mohan Yadav, Ram Janmbhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust Treasurer Govind Dev Giri and others were present.

World Heritage Week contests in city from Nov. 19 to 25

Mysuru, Nov. 13- The Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage in association with Mysore School of Architecture will be organising various competitions and exhibition as part of World Heritage Week celebrations from Nov. 19 to 25 at Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) premises in city.

Competitions based on the topics like Natural Heritage, Heritage Memorials and Heritage Art will be organised.

The registration and competitions for PU students will be held on Nov. 22 while the registration and competition for students from Std.8 to Std. 10 will be held on Nov. 23.

Drawing competition will be held from 9.45 am to 11 am, sketching competition from 11.30 am to 12.30 pm, first round of quiz contest (written in both Kannada and English languages) from 10.30 am to 11.30 am and last round of oral quiz from 12.15 pm to 1.30 pm.

Those who wish to take part in photography competition can submit their photographs online till 11.59 pm on Nov. 22 to *social@msa.edu.in*. Students must submit the details such as the title, mobile/camera photo, date of photo shot, shooting mode, shutter speed, aperture value, focal length, ISO speed and flash mode. The size of the photo should be of 10 MB minimum and 150 dpi or higher resolution in JPEG format.

Participating students and teachers have to provide their details including their names, address and contact number by visiting *www.msa.edu.in* or contact Muralidhar Kalachar on Mob: 91138-70169 for registration. The prize for the winners in various competitions will be distributed during the valedictory to be held on Nov. 25 at Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage (Dasara Exhibition premises) at 10.30 am.

For more details contact Department Office on Ph: 0821-2424671 or Deputy Director (Heritage) Dr. C.N. Manjula on Mob: 83102-50733 or FDA S. Shashidhar on Mob: 73490-57976.

N.R. Mohalla Sri Kavery Kodava Meet

Mysuru, Nov. 13- The 24th annual get-together of N.R. Mohalla Sri Kavery Kodava Okkoota was held recently at Kodagu Sahakara Sangha in Jayalakshmipuram. The day-long meet comprised Bolakaat, Kodavaat, sports and cultural programmes.

Chottemanda Geetha Ashok conducted sports while Bolakaat and cultural events were performed under the guidance of Chottemanda Lalu, Deekshitha, Kotera Kushalappa, Kodira Pushpa and Kotera Revathi Kushalappa. Okkoota President Kodira Prakash Nanaiah, Secretary Madetira Sunil Somanna, Committee Members Bachiranayanda Prasanna, Narapanda Sannu Mandappa, Kotera Suresh Kushalappa, Atrangada Praveen Poovanna, Choteyanda Smitha Poonacha, Balyatanda Sarasu Kushalappa, Chottemanda Lalu Mohan and Ajjinikanda Chittiappa were present.

NEWS BRIEFS

Disruption in Water Supply

Due to emergency maintenance works at Hongalli Booster Station, there will be disruption in water supply tomorrow (Nov. 14) in the following areas of the city: HLR dependent areas, Mandi Mohalla, Lashkar Mohalla, Yadavagiri, Bannimantap A,B,C, Layout, Pulikeshi Road, Veeranagere, Siddiquinagar, Shivarathreeshwaranagar, Tilaknagar, Bademakaan, Halimnagar, Devaraj Mohalla, Nazarbad, Vidyaranyapuram, Vishweswaranagar, Chamundipuram, Lourdenagar, Meena Bazar, Metagalli and Hebbal Industrial Area and surrounding places.

Robotics & Finance

The Institute of Cost Accountants of India, Mysuru Chapter, in association with SDM-IMD, Mysuru, has organised a day-long seminar on 'Robotics and its impact on Finance Profession' on Nov. 23 at SDM-IMD premises on Chamundi Hill Road. Eminent speakers from Bengaluru will be deliberating on the subject. Industries and Finance professionals can attend. For registration, call Mob: 97317-89222 or 99001-11552.

Hostel Admission

Social Welfare Department has invited applications from eligible SC/ST community students for admission to Post-Matric Student Hostels run by the Department. Application format can be downloaded from website: ***www.swdhims.karnataka.gov.in*** and the same must be returned along with necessary documents before Nov. 30. Also, 25 percent of the seats are reserved for OBC and Minority community students, for which the students belonging to these communities can apply online. For details, visit the Department Office at Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram Bhavan, Valmiki Road, Paduvarahalli or contact Ph: 0821-2520910.

Yuva Nidhi for Jobless Youths

District Employment Exchange Office has invited applications from unemployed qualified (Graduate and Diploma holders) youths for registration to Yuva Nidhi financial support Scheme of the State Government. Youths domiciled in Karnataka for a minimum of 6 years and have remained jobless for a minimum of 6 months after Graduation/ Diploma can register for availing financial benefit through Seva Sindhu portal: ***https://sevasindhugs.karnataka.gov.in*** or at KarnatakaOne, BengaluruOne, GramaOne and Bapuji Seva Centres. For details, call Helpline - 1800-5999918 or Mob: 87489-84360 or 90363-56862.

Congress delegation lodges Police complaint against RTI activist Snehamayi Krishna

Mysuru, Nov. 13 (BLU&BS)- A delegation of Congress leaders in the district yesterday lodged a complaint against RTI activist Snehamayi Krishna, alleging that the latter has been indulging in peddling fake news against Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) case.

The Congress leaders, led by KPCC Spokesman M. Lakshmana handed over the written complaint addressed to Devaraja Police Inspector Shivakumar, that was received by PSI (Law and Order) Jai Keerthi, demanding action within the ambit of law against Snehamayi Krishna.

Both Krishna and another RTI activist T.J. Abraham had moved High Court demanding Lokayukta probe into the MUDA case, based on which the Court has pronounced the order in favour of Lokayukta probe. Even as the investigation is underway, Krishna has been crying foul against the probe and has complained to ADGP Lokayukta. Besides, he has been blackmailing the Investigation Officer (IO) daily, only to mount pressure on him, alleged Lakshmana.

KPCC Spokesman M. Lakshmana and others handing over the written complaint to Devaraja Police yesterday.

Krishna dares Lakshmana

Meanwhile, RTI activist Snehamayi Krishna, in a facebook post, has dared KPCC Spokesperson M. Lakshmana to prove the charge of demanding Rs. 100 crore made against him, by disclosing the name of the person who demanded money in his favour and release messages made in this regard, along with producing First Information Report (FIR) of all the 44 cases filed against him.

Krishna

The Lokayukta is yet to submit the report on the progress of investigation to the Court, but Krishna has been finding fault in the nature of investigation.

In addition, Krishna has alleged that Special Tahsildar has paid the stamp duty instead of B.M. Parvathi (wife of CM Siddaramaiah) while executing the sale deed.

But, according to Section 1965 of Karnataka Registration Act and Rules, if the site owner is exempted from physical appearance at the office of Sub-Registrar, to complete the process of registration of the sale deed, the official attending the process of registration is liable to make the payment on behalf of the executioner of the sale deed. Parvathi has paid the stamp duty and her name is also mentioned on the challan. The document has been submitted along with the complaint copy, explained Lakshmana.

When this is the reality, Krishna is indulging in character assassination of Siddaramaiah, creating a false impression in the minds of the general public. Hence, action should be taken against him (Krishna), urged Lakshmana.

Protest, outbursts against Zameer in Mandya

'Kaalia' slur against H.D. Kumaraswamy

Mandya, Nov. 13- Minister for Housing, Waqf and Minority Affairs B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan's derogatory 'Kaalia' comment against Union Minister and Mandya MP H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK) has evoked sharp reactions across the district, with the JD(S) MLA and former MLAs venting their ire and others staging protest in the district on Tuesday.

The JD(S) and BJP workers staged a protest at Five Lights Circle in Pandavapura and formed a human chain on Srirangapatna - Jewargi Highway, besides raising slogans against Zameer Ahmed.

While in Mandya town, addressing a press meet, former Nagamangala MLA Suresh Gowda demanded Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to seek the resignation of Zameer.

Former Malavalli MLA Dr. K. Annadani, who also addressed the media persons, rubbished the claims of Zameer that, HDK was fondly addressing him as 'Kulla.'

Hassan's Arkalgud MLA A. Manju called it unbecoming on the part of Zameer, who had zero knowledge of politics, but was successfully fielded in the Assembly elections from Chamarajpet, made the Minister and also nurtured to grow as a tall leader of minorities, letting his tongue loose against JD(S) supremo H.D. Deve Gowda.

JD(S) and BJP workers staging a protest at Five Lights Circle in Pandavapura against Minister Zameer Ahmed.

Vokkaligara Sangha demands sacking of Minister Zameer

Bengaluru, Nov.13 (KMS&BS)- State Vokkaligara Sangha has demanded Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to drop the Minister for Housing, Waqf and Minority Affairs B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan from the Cabinet, for abusing Union Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries H.D. Kumaraswamy as 'Kariya' ('Kaalia').

Zameer Ahmed

The language used by Zameer is not just as an insult to Kumaraswamy, but for the entire Vokkaliga community and also the people of the State. It doesn't behove Zameer for passing such a comment against the person, who was the Chief Minister of the State twice.

Such persons who speak crossing the lines of decency should not continue in the Cabinet, opined Vokkaligara Sangha, which has taken severe exception to the way Zameer has spoken light of former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda's family.

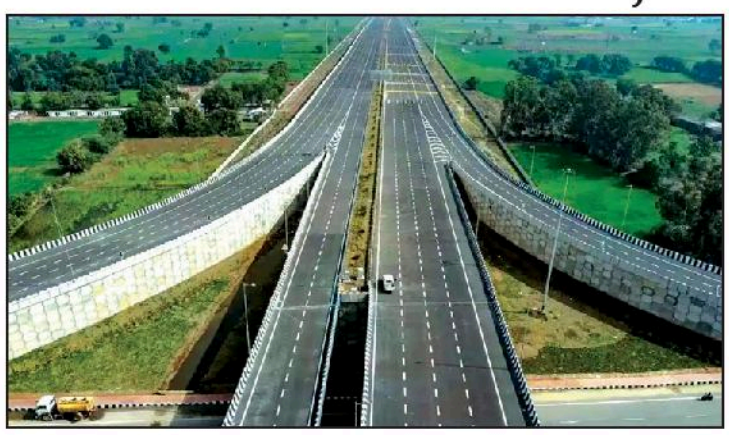
Zameer, while addressing an election rally ahead of the by-elections in Channapatna Constituency on Sunday, spoke in Urdu about the complexion of Kumaraswamy, making a racist slur, that has been reported in the media, which is unacceptable.

"We don't have any objection towards the making of political comments by Zameer until and unless it won't hurt anybody. But it doesn't hold good to the position of Zameer for making abusive comments against the Union Minister, insulting him personally. The way Zameer has defended his statement in the media, shows that the remark was not an act of slip of the tongue, but was made deliberately," stated Vokkaligara Sangha.

Waqf Minister Zameer Ahmed should tender a public apology for commenting against our community leader Kumaraswamy and Deve Gowda and family and behave without crossing the lines of decency, demanded Vokkaligara Sangha.

New Expressway to connect Bengaluru and Mangaluru

335-km 6-lane corridor to reduce travel time from 7 - 8 hours to just 4 hours !



Bengaluru, Nov. 13 (Agencies)- The Central Government has launched plans to construct the Bengaluru-Mangaluru Expressway to enhance transportation efficiency and significantly reduce travel time between these major cities in Karnataka.

Mirroring the success of the recently completed Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway, this new high-speed corridor promises a faster route from Bengaluru to Mangaluru.

The project is currently in its initial phase, with tenders invited for the preparation of a Detailed Project Report (DPR) outlining the expressway's design, feasibility, and implementation strategy.

Currently, the 350-kilometre journey between Bengaluru and Mangaluru takes approximately six to seven hours by road. The new expressway aims to cut this travel time nearly in half, reducing it to just three and a half to four hours.

This time-saving measure is expected to greatly enhance the movement of passenger vehicles and goods, contributing to smoother, more efficient travel. Additionally, the expressway will bolster the logistics network, facilitating exports from Bengaluru and the import of essential resources such as fuel and gas from Mangaluru's port.

The improved connectivity is anticipated to be particularly beneficial for businesses, especially those involved in the export-import sectors. The government has already invited bids for the DPR preparation, and nine companies have submitted tenders, with the final selection anticipated by January.

Assessing environmental, economic viability

The selected company will be responsible for conducting thorough studies, assessing the environmental and economic viability of the project, and developing a detailed project blueprint within 540 days. The expressway will be developed collaboratively by the Karnataka Public Works Department and the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). These agencies will coordinate on the road's alignment and land acquisition processes to ensure smooth progress.

Spanning approximately 335 kilometres and connecting Bengaluru to Mangaluru via Hassan, the expressway is expected to feature four to six lanes, ensuring efficient traffic flow and enhanced safety measures.

This multi-lane design will facilitate smooth and faster travel, reducing bottlenecks along the route. Construction on this ambitious project is set to commence by 2028. Upon completion, the Bengaluru-Mangaluru Expressway is projected to provide a substantial economic boost to the region.

The strengthened trade routes and improved access are expected to attract tourists to Mangaluru's coastal and scenic areas and foster tourism across Karnataka. Additionally, the enhanced connectivity could spur further investments and development projects along the route, benefiting local businesses and communities.

Falling stone railings on Raja Marga flags safety concerns

Mysuru, Nov. 13 (SBD&BS)- The stone railings on the footpath of either side of the Raja Marga are frequently falling, holding mirror to the apathy of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC).

About five to eight such stone railings, carved on heritage lines near K.R. Circle and Sayyaji Rao road have fallen, but fortunately nobody has suffered any injuries in the incident.

The footpath around Mysore Palace and the Jumboo Savari route was developed as Raja Marga by MCC by laying interlock tiles and stone railings on the either side of the footpath, enhancing the beauty of the central business district (CBD) area.

However, ever since the works were completed, the stone railings are getting damaged and falling, but the MCC officials without taking any action, have been collecting the damaged railings and dumping at a place. It is no more a secret that, such damaged stones cannot be repaired, but have to be replaced with the new structure.

During December 2019, a pedestrian had suffered injuries when a stone railing collapsed in front of Thathaiah Park opposite City Bus Stand. The rickety railings still exist in several places including the footpath in front of the MCC main office, but nobody is aware about, when it may fall. It is better MCC wakes up and take steps to restore the damaged railings, before something grave happens, demand the general public.

MLA appeals NABARD not to cut down loan limit

Bengaluru, Nov. 13 (BLU&DM)- Chamundeshwari JD(S) MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) has urged NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development) not to bring down the loan limit.

Addressing a press meet here yesterday, GTD, who is also the Karnataka State Co-operative Federation President, said that NABARD has cut down the loan limit by 58 percent, which is going to badly hit the farmers. Pointing out that NABARD had given loans (Agricultural, Horticultural etc.,) of Rs. 5,500 crore in 2020-21, he said that this loan has now been cut down to Rs. 2,340 crore in 2024-25, which means a cut of 58 percent.

Maintaining that this cut has a repercussion effect on Agricultural lending in Karnataka, GTD said that this cut, apart from causing difficulty to farmers, will also hurt Agricultural Credit Co-operative Societies and DCC Banks. Taking all this into consideration, the NABARD should not bring down the loan limit, he said adding that farmers will be in dire straits if NABARD keeps on bringing down loan limit every year.

All India Co-operative Week from Nov. 14

Continuing, GTD said that the inauguration of the All India National Co-operative Week (Nov. 14 to 20) will take place at Bengaluru's Jnana Jyothi auditorium tomorrow (Nov. 14). Noting that the event will be held at Chitradurga on Nov. 15, at Mangaluru on Nov.16, he said that the same will be held at Bagalkot on Nov. 17, which will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

Later on, the event will be held at Bidar on Nov. 18, at Mangaluru on Nov. 19 and at Belagavi on Nov. 20, the concluding day. Co-operators who have excelled will be feted during the weeklong event, he added.

The Federation Vice-President Jagadish Kavatagimath, Special officer to the Co-operation Minister Ramana Reddy, the Federation Directors Shekargouda Mali Patil, Lokappagouda, Ramareddy, Ashok, Eeranna, Nagarathna, Managing Director Navin and others were present.

Co-operation Week in Mysuru from tomorrow

Mysuru, Nov. 13 (GA&VNS)- National Co-operative Union and Karnataka State Co-operative Federation will be jointly conducting Co-operation Week under the theme 'Role of Co-operative Societies in realising the vision of Viksit Bharat' from Nov. 14 to Nov. 20 at various locations in Mysuru district.

Addressing the mediapersons at Pathrakarthara Bhavan yesterday, District Co-operative Union President H.V. Rajeev said that several programmes will be held at City and District Co-operative Union auditorium in Mysuru on Nov. 14; at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Bhavan in Nanjangud on Nov. 15; PLD Bank Farmers Community Hall in KR Nagar on Nov. 16; District Co-operative Union Auditorium on Nov. 17; MyMUL Office in T. Narasipur on Nov. 18; Kanaka Bhavan in Hunsur on Nov. 19 and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Bhavan in H.D. Kote on Nov. 20.

Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies R. Manjunath, Sadanand, Prashanth, Bhyrappa, Chandrashekar and Mahadev were present at the press meet.

Senior Co-operators to be conferred award on Nov. 16

Mysuru, Nov.13 (PM&DM)- As part of National Co-operation week, senior Co-operators will be conferred award at a programme organised under the aegis of Mysuru Hotel Owners Credit Co-operative Society at Hotel The Paradise in Yadavagiri at 5pm on Nov.16.

Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara will inaugurate the programme in the presence of Adichunchanagiri Mysuru Branch Mutt Seer Sri Someshwaranatha Swamiji and Gourigadde Avadhoota Mutt Seer Vinay Guruji.

District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa will confer the awards, while MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar will felicitate the Co-operators.

Karnataka by-election

Brisk polling in Channapatna, Shiggaon and Sandur Assembly segments

Over 40 percent voter turnout till 1 pm

Mysuru, Nov. 13 (VNS) - The voting for the by-polls to Channapatna, Sandur and Shiggaon Assembly Constituencies is underway with voters queuing up in front of their respective polling booths to exercise their franchise today.

According to latest reports, more than 40 percent voter turnout was recorded in each of the three Assembly segments at the time we went to the press.

While Channapatna (Ramanagara District) recorded a turnout of 48.15 percent, Shiggaon (Haveri District) recorded 43.50 percent and Sandur (Ballari) 47 percent.

Earlier, this morning, JD(S) State Youth President and NDA candidate from Channapatna Nikhil Kumaraswamy visited the famous Kengal Anjaneyaswamy Temple located on Bengaluru-Mysuru Highway and sought the blessings of the presiding deity. Later, speaking to mediapersons, Nikhil expressed confidence of emerging victorious stating that he was confident of people of Channapatna blessing him in the by-election.

Nikhil, who had lost from Ramanagara Assembly Constituency in 2023 Assembly Polls and also from Mandya Lok Sabha Constituency in 2019, is facing a tough competition from Congress candidate C.P. Yogeshwar, a five-time MLA, who recently quit BJP to contest the by-poll.

Meanwhile, C.P. Yogeshwar, who cast his vote at his native Chakkere village in Channapatna, also expressed confidence of emerging victorious. Yogeshwar, who is also a former Minister, had lost two previous Assembly Polls (2019 and 2023) to H.D. Kumaraswamy, father of Nikhil Kumaraswamy.

The by-poll to Channapatna Assembly Constituency was necessitated following the resignation of H.D. Kumaraswamy as MLA after being elected to Lok Sabha from Mandya in the 2024 General Elections.

Brisk polling was also recorded in the other two Assembly Segments — Shiggaon and Sandur. In Shiggaon, BJP candidate Bharat Bommai, son of former CM and MP Basavaraj Bommai is facing a tough fight from Yasir Pathan of Congress and in Sandur, it is a direct fight between Congress party's Annapoorna Tukaram, wife of MP E. Tukaram and BJP's Bangaru Hanumantha.

1,100-km vintage rally from Nov. 15 to 21

40 vintage vehicles to cover Bengaluru, Chikkamagalur, Kodagu and Mysuru

Mysuru, Nov. 13 (BCT)- The Federation of Historic Vehicles of India (FHVI), in collaboration with the Karnataka Tourism Department and Destination Rally, is organising the 'FHVI Explore Karnataka Historic Drive 2024,' a 1,100-kilometre rally spanning Bengaluru, Hampi, Chikkamagalur, Kodagu and Mysuru.

Scheduled from Nov. 15 to Nov. 21, the event aims to promote tourism while celebrating the rich history and culture of Karnataka. The rally will feature 40 vintage vehicles, comprising 20 international entries and 20 from across India.

These classic cars, ranging from the 1920s to the 1980s, will come from Italy, South Africa, Lithuania, Portugal, Ireland, Germany, Belgium, Finland, the USA, the Netherlands, Australia and the UK. Notable among the participants is the 1950 MG YT 'Lai Pari' from Ahmedabad, owned by Daman Thakore. This car gained recognition for completing a 12,000-kilometre journey over 73 days from India to London in 2023, passing through 12 countries.

Some standout vehicles in the rally include: 1926 Bentley Tourer, 1933 Alvis Speed, 1939 Chevrolet Master Deluxe Limousine, 1947 Citroen Traction, 1947 Chevrolet FleetMaster, 1950 MG YT, 1952 Bentley MK VI, 1955 Land Rover Series 1, 1956 Dodge Suburban Custom, 1962 Jaguar MK II, 1967 Triumph GT6, 1968 Mercedes Pagode 280 SL, 1969 Alfa Romeo Spider, 1970 Mercedes 280 SL, 1971 Volkswagen Microbus, 1972 Porsche 911, 1974 Jaguar E-Type V12, 1975 Lancia and 1980 Corvette Stingray.

The rally will be flagged off from Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru, on Nov. 15 at 7.30 am by Tourism Minister H.K. Patil, with the first destination being Hampi. On Nov. 17, participants will head to Chikkamagalur, arriving in Kodagu on Nov. 18.

On Nov. 20, the convoy will travel from Kodagu to Mysuru, where they will tour iconic landmarks and assemble at the Mysore Palace for a grand illumination event at 6.30 pm. During their stay, the rallyists will visit Krishna Raja Sagar Dam in Mandya and the Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel.

They will also meet erstwhile Mysore Royal family. The rally will conclude on Nov. 21 as participants drive back to Bengaluru, stopping at Payana Vintage Car Museum in Srirangapatna.

Will quit politics if PM proves graft charges against me: CM

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Bandipur night traffic

When asked about Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar's reported statement regarding the potential lifting of the night travel ban in the Bandipur forest area, CM Siddaramaiah clarified that he was unsure of the context in which Shivakumar made that comment.

However, the CM confirmed that there is no question of lifting the current night travel ban on the highway passing through the Bandipur forest limits.

Reservation controversy

Replying to a question about Government plans for a reservation quota for minorities in tenders and contracts, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah clarified that some organisations had merely submitted an appeal.

Emphasising that the Government has not taken any definitive stance on the issue, he accused the BJP of exaggerating the situation and creating an unnecessary controversy.

ED probe into MUDA

Regarding the Enforcement Directorate (ED) investigation into the MUDA scam, Siddaramaiah stated that the ED is performing its duties and that he had no objections to their work.

He reiterated that he would refrain from commenting on the probe, maintaining that both ED investigation and the Lokayukta case were baseless allegations not worthy of further discussion.

The CM expressed irritation when questioned about whether his wife, B.M. Parvathi, had received any notice from the ED related to the MUDA 50:50 site case. He firmly asserted that he had no concerns regarding any such notice.

On ex-Minister Nagendra

Addressing speculation about a possible State Cabinet reshuffle, CM denied any current plans for changes. However, he acknowledged that there were demands from certain party factions to reinstate former Minister B. Nagendra, who had stepped down six months ago following Valmiki Corporation scam.

He expressed confidence in Congress candidates, predicting victories in all three Assembly segments — Channapatna, Sandur and Shiggaon.

Former MLA M.K. Somashekar and other Congress leaders were also present with the CM.

CM raises hands on Cop; sparks verbal clash

During the interaction with reporters this morning, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, visibly losing his temper, raised his hand at a Police Constable assigned to security duty at his residence in T.K. Layout. This incident led to a heated exchange between Congress workers and the Police.

The altercation began when the Constable attempted to pull back a Congress worker standing too close to the Chief Minister. Siddaramaiah's reaction to this action reportedly escalated tensions, resulting in a brief verbal clash between party members and law enforcement personnel.

Vegan month: Documentary screening event on Nov. 15

Mysuru, Nov. 13 (BCT)- As part of 'World Vegan Month', Consumers for Sustainability (CFS) and the Plant-Based Foods Industry Association (PBFIA), in partnership with Wadiyar College of Architecture (WCFA), are hosting a public event focused on educating attendees about the power of mindful food choices.

The event, to be held on Nov. 15 from 5.30 pm to 8 pm at Wadiyar College of Architecture, will emphasise how simple shifts in diet can benefit personal health, protect biodiversity, and positively impact our planet.

The highlight of the event will be a screening of a documentary inspired by the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report titled 'Now or Never'.

This hard-hitting, visually compelling film, narrated by Academy Award-winning actress Kate Winslet, explores the profound environmental impact of our food choices, showing how plant-based diets can play a pivotal role in mitigating climate change.

The event aims to highlight practical, accessible ways for individuals to make a positive impact through their everyday simple food choices.

Walkathons on World Diabetes Day

Mysuru, Nov. 13 (KS)- As part of World Diabetes Day, Walkathons have been organised to create awareness on diabetes in the city tomorrow (Nov. 14).

JSS Hospital: A Walkathon will be taken out from the Hospital premises on M.G. Road in city at 9.30 am.

In-charge Vice-Chancellor of JSSAHER Dr. H. Basavanagowdappa will be the guest.

For details, contact Mob: 94834-79640.

RSSDI: Research Society for the Study of Diabetes in India–Karnataka Chapter (KRSSDI), JSS Institutions and Association of Physicians of India (API) have organised a walkathon at 9.30 am.

Bhanavi Hospital: District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa will flag off the Walkathon at the Hospital premises at 8 am. It will pass through Vijaya Bank Circle.

Kingpin draws double salary in MUDA, MCC for 20 years!!

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Only now action has been taken, with MCC Commissioner Ashaad-Ur-Rehman Shariff dismissing him from service for his double duty and unlawful activities.

The person in question is B.K. Kumar. The Commissioner is also preparing to file a criminal case against him. Kumar was working as a Second Division Assistant (under equal pay for equal work scheme) at the Vani Vilas sewage treatment plant of the Water Supply and Underground Drainage Division wing of the MCC. Simultaneously he was also employed as an outsourced worker (contractual) at the MUDA, performing both roles and drawing salaries from both positions, which constitutes a gross legal violation. The MCC Commissioner has indicated in an official notification issued on Nov. 6, 2024, that measures have been taken to file a criminal case against him.

Kumar, originally from Bevinakuppe village in Pandavapura Taluk, joined the MCC in 2004 based on a 'piece work' scheme, filling positions left vacant due to the retirement or resignation of some MCC employees. He managed to secure the job under the 'equal pay for equal work' category.

At the same time, with the support of certain politicians, influential figures and officials who were close to him, Kumar also worked as a Second Division Assistant on a contractual basis at the Office of the Chief Accounts Officer of MUDA.

Inquiry committee report

Following complaints that Kumar was receiving salaries from both positions simultaneously, an inquiry committee was formed. The committee's report, submitted on Oct. 22, 2024, confirmed that Kumar had indeed been working at both places and drawing two separate salaries each month.

The report also stated that it was against labour laws for an individual to hold positions in two Government offices simultaneously. Consequently, the MCC Commissioner, while keeping pending the filing of a criminal case, issued an order dismissing Kumar from service with immediate effect.

According to the report submitted by the committee, a review of personal information and documents provided by both the MCC and MUDA offices confirmed that the name, father's name and Aadhaar number all belonged to Kumar.

It was also found that MUDA had specified a condition prohibiting employees from working elsewhere when they were involved in calling tenders. Therefore, Kumar's act of working and receiving salaries from both offices was deemed a violation of the law. The committee noted that appropriate action could be taken regarding this matter.

Kingpin of MUDA site scam

Kumar, who worked as a Second Division Assistant at MUDA, was known to be very close to previous MUDA Commissioners. Acting under their directives, Kumar was reportedly the only person who could directly access and retrieve important files from the office records room (there was restricted access for others), the Special Land Acquisition Office, the MUDA Secretary's Office, all nine zone offices, the Accounts Department and the Special Tahsildar's Office. This information has been revealed to *Star of Mysore* by sources within the MUDA office.

Sources said that Kumar was supported by influential politicians and officials in the MCC and MUDA to carry out his work without any interruption or any sort of questioning. As if to repay their favour, he provided them sites, land documents and was assisting them to get approval for sites in prestigious neighbourhoods under the 50:50 ratio.

Born to a farming family

As a result, Kumar was earning far beyond expectations. It is also said that this ordinary Second Division Assistant built a massive house at Vijayanagar Second Stage in Mysuru, sources added. Kumar, born into an ordinary farming family, studied until PUC and learned typing at a commerce institute in Pandavapura.

After he got a job at the MCC, he proudly informed everyone in his village and used to dress like an officer. Within a few months, he rented a house in Mysuru.

According to Kumar's classmates at his village, during festivals and holidays, when he would visit Bevinakuppe, he would bring along influential politicians from Mysuru, showing the villagers that he was in contact with prominent figures.

Just a few years later, seeing his income and luxurious lifestyle, the villagers were left astonished. It is said that Kumar would tell the villagers that he had amassed significant wealth in Mysuru.

Had become influential

Due to the senior officials of the organisations (MCC and MUDA) supporting him in such a way, Kumar, who was just a Second Division Assistant, had become powerful in the MUDA office, and everyone hesitated to speak against him fearing consequences. They, however, approached him quietly to get their work done.

Although some political figures in Mysuru knew that Kumar was working for both MCC and MUDA and was the kingpin behind the 50:50 land allocation scam, they still carried out their tasks without saying a word against him.

However, it is worth remembering that one MLC had written a letter to the State Government seeking disciplinary action against Kumar.

Owns assets worth crores

According to sources in MUDA and MCC, Kumar was directly involved in the 50:50 ratio land allocations, bill payments in the accounts section and other processes at both MUDA and MCC offices. Through his dealings and influence, he amassed assets worth crores of rupees. Although he seems to be an ordinary person in appearance, the way he accumulated such vast wealth is astonishing, sources point out.

The talk now circulating in the MUDA office is how, as a Second Division Assistant working on a contract basis, Kumar was able to amass such wealth in a short period, while even the high-level officers themselves lead modest lives.

Had a list of 8,000 sites

Sources said that kingpin B.K. Kumar had in his possession a list that contained information about around 8,000 vacant MUDA sites across Mysuru city which was meticulously prepared by former MUDA Commissioner P.S. Kantharaju, and former MUDA Secretary M.K. Savitha. Kantharaju and Savitha had prepared the list after months of physical inspections and hard work to bring additional income to MUDA.

Using the list, Kumar would provide information, along with supplementary documents to the Commissioners who came after Kantharaju. Sources reveal that due to Kumar's 'dedication' and knowledge of sites, the commissioners granted him full authority at the MUDA office, allowing him to directly approach any department and retrieve the needed documents.

ED questions Raichur MP G. Kumar Naik, CM's PA

Kumar Naik

Bengaluru, Nov. 13 (KMS& BCT)- In the ongoing investigation into the MUDA 50:50 alternative site allotment scam, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) summoned G. Kumar Naik, former Mysuru Deputy Commissioner and current Raichur MP, for questioning this morning.

The probe pertains to the alleged illegal allocation of 14 sites to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's wife B.M. Parvathi.

Kumar Naik appeared at the ED's Shanthinagar office in response to the summons. Sources informed *Star of Mysore* that the ED is also interrogating Dinesh, CM Siddaramaiah's Personal Assistant a its Shanthinagar office. Dinesh is currently serving in the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) in Bengaluru.

During his tenure as Mysuru Deputy Commissioner from 2002 to 2005, Kumar Naik is alleged to have facilitated the conversion of 3 acres and 16 guntas of land in Survey Number 464 of Kesare.

This land was purchased by CM Siddaramaiah's brother-in-law, B.M. Mallikarjunaswamy, from J. Devaraju and subsequently gifted to Parvathi. Under MUDA's contentious 50:50 ratio scheme, Parvathi received 14 sites in Vijayanagar Third and Fourth Stages in exchange for this land.

Social activist Snehamayi Krishna had previously flagged this land conversion as illegal and submitted relevant documents to the ED. The sale deed presented by Mallikarjunaswamy led to Kumar Naik's reclassification of the land as agricultural (*anyakrantha*). However, Krishna's submissions to the ED, Lokayukta and the High Court highlighted that the reclassification itself was unlawful.

It is noteworthy that the Mysuru Lokayukta has already questioned Kumar Naik regarding this matter.

Special drive for issuance of Food Safety and Standards Licence

Mysuru, Nov. 13 (PM&DM)- The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has launched a special drive for issue of Licences (Certification) to Fruits and Vegetable vendors coming under MCC limits from Nov. 14 to 26.

The Fruits and Vegetable sellers and vendors can register and apply for licence at the APMC Sub-yard premises on New Sayyajirao road from 7 am to 1 pm on all days till Nov. 26.

The drive will also be held at the vegetables market near Mall of Mysore on Nov. 16 (7 am to 1 pm), at the Food Safety and Standards office in Food Laboratory premises on Ummar Khayyam road in Tilaknagar from 10 am to 12 Noon on Nov. 21 and 22, for HOPCOMS and other shopkeepers and at Hebbal Open Market for vegetable street vendors on Nov. 26 from 7 am to 11 am, according to a press release.

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Mysore Bar Association celebrates Valmiki Jayanti

Tell Maharshi Valmiki's story to reform anti-social elements: HC Judge

Karnataka High Court Judge S.G. Pandit (third from right) offering floral tributes to the statue of Maharshi Valmiki during Valmiki Jayanti celebrations organised at District Law Courts premises in city recently.

Mysuru, Nov. 13 (SPN&TRR)- Karnataka High Court Judge S.G. Pandit advised advocates to narrate the story of Maharshi Valmki to anti-social elements and their clients in a bid to reform them, from becoming criminals.

Judge Pandit was speaking after offering floral tributes to the statue of Maharshi Valmiki at Valmiki Jayanti-2024 celebrations organised by Mysore Bar Association at District Law Courts premises in city recently.

"Maharshi Valmiki, before he became a Maharshi, was known by the name Ratnakara. He joined hunters in the forest and used to rob people to eke out a living. One day he saw Narada Muni and tried to rob him. Realising that there is nothing to steal from Narada except for his Tamboori, Ratnakara engages in a conversation with Narada. After learning about his background, Narada advices Ratnakara to chant the name of Ram. The chanting of Ram Mantra made Ratnakara realise his mistakes and became reformed to become Maharshi Valmiki," said the High Court Judge, narrating the life story of Maharshi Valmiki.

Stating that Maharshi Valmiki is a symbol of reformation, Justice Pandit said that, Valmiki not just authored *Ramayana,* but also introduced the traditions of an entire generation to mankind. Maharshi Valmiki is an ideal for the entire world, the HC Judge said.

Sri Prasannananda Swamiji of Maharshi Valmiki Gurupeetha, Rajanahalli, who graced the occasion, said that even before Buddha and Basavanna, Maharshi Valmiki had propagated that non-violence was the core of all religions.

Karnataka Land Grabbing Prohibition Special Court (Bengaluru) Judicial Member N.S. Patil, Principal District and Sessions Court Judge Ravindra Hegde, Karnataka State Bar Council Member B.R. Chandramouli, Mysore Bar Association Secretary A.G. Sudheer, Vice-President M.V. Chandrashekar, Treasurer H.B. Bharath, Joint Secretary K.R. Charanraj, Joint Secretary-Woman B.V. Vinoda and others were present on the occasion.

Ancient Shivalinga found in Dakshina Kannada river

Mysuru's Senior Advocate O. Sham Bhat holding the ancient Shivalinga found in Kaliyar river in front of Sri Jaladurga Parameshwari Devi Temple at Karopady. Tamil Nadu's Nandi Siddar Mutt Chief Pontiff is also seen.

Mysuru, Nov. 13- An ancient Shivalinga has been found in the river that flows in front of Sri Jaladurga Parameshwari Devi Temple at Karopady village in Paddu-Anekal area of Bantwal taluk in Dakshina Kannada district, according to Senior Advocate of the city O. Sham Bhat.

"I found the trace of Jaladurgadevi Temple in Paddu-Anekal area in 2013. Later on, a big temple has been constructed. On Nov. 9, 2024, the Chief Pontiff of Tamil Nadu's Nandi Siddar Mutt arrived here saying that he was inspired by Agastya Rishi. All of a sudden, the Seer entered Kaliyar river (Anekal river) and also took me along with him, when the Seer discovered a beautiful Shivalinga weighing about 5-6 kgs. This was the ancient Shivalinga that was worshipped by Yogis like Gorakhnath and Matsyendranath. The Shivalinga was later placed in Jaladurgadevi Temple and an exclusive temple for this Shivalinga has to be constructed in the coming days," Sham Bhat said.

Continuing, he said that he too is a native of a neighbouring village where he spent his childhood days. "There are many clues available about people from Nath Panth having lived there. Even the Mangaladevi Temple in Mangaluru belongs to Nath tradition.

Likewise, there are many other ancient traces of Nath tradition all across Dakshina Kannada district. Now, a beautiful Shivalinga has been found in Anekal river as a proof, he said adding that Agastya and Lopamudra Pujas too are held at Jaladurgadevi Temple.

Maharani's Commerce & Management College celebrates 'Kannada Habba'

Kannada and Culture Department Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy addressing the gathering during 'Kannada Habba' event at Maharani's Women's Commerce & Management College in Paduvarahalli recently.

Mysuru, Nov. 13 (GA&TRR)- The Cultural Forum of Maharani's Women's Commerce and Management College in Paduvarahalli (Vinayakanagar) here had organised 'Kannada Habba' at its premises recently, to commemorate the 69th Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations.

Speaking after inaugurating 'Kannada Habba,' Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda said that, we can be at peace if our mother tongue and culture are protected.

"We all must love Kannada language and the culture of our State. Kannada has a rich legacy and we all should be proud of it," the MLA added.

Advising students to get acquainted with skill-based education in addition to their education in this competitive world, MLA Harishgowda said that the students must prepare themselves for competitive examinations and carve out a good future. Education and cultural activities help students to reach greater heights, he said.

The MLA also assured that he will soon lay foundation stone for the second phase of development works of the college and construction of a student hostel which can accommodate 500 inmates.

Kannada & Culture Department Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, who also spoke at the function, recalled the services of numerous great men who fought for the unification of Karnataka. "Kannada has its own history and every student must understand the diverse cultural aspects of Karnataka," he added.

College Principal (in-charge) Dr. R. Nalini, Cultural Forum Secretary Prof. H.S. Dhanalakshmi, Treasurer Prof. N. Vanita, IQAC Convener Dr. N. Nagendra, Gazetted Manager Basavaraju, Students Forum President Likhita, Secretary Sindhurani and others were present.

World Mental Health Week programmes at AIISH

Mysuru, Nov. 13- Every year, Oct. 10 is celebrated as 'World Mental Health Day.' It is an opportunity to celebrate this day by organising different awareness programmes for people around and drive actions that promote and protect everyone's mental health.

The Department of Clinical Psychology, All India Institute of Speech & Hearing (AIISH), Mysuru, also organised Mental Health Awareness Week from Oct. 22 to 29, while organising different awareness activities at AIISH and the community.

Awareness Week commenced with a Painting and Essay Competition for students to promote mental health and well-being with the themes 'Mental health in digital age', 'Mental health matters: Breaking the silence', 'The power of healing' and 'Mental health as a national priority.'

Prizes for the first three winners were given by the chief guest on Oct. 29. The students were appreciated for their thoughtful expression and creativity.

Dr. Kiran Kumar, former Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Mysore, was the chief guest for the workshop on Oct. 29 on the theme 'Prioritising mental health at workplace,' which is also the theme of this year's World Mental Health Day.

The faculty and staff of AIISH attended the workshop which aimed to support the employees to help them to adapt better with their work pressure, burnout, stressors of daily hassles, relationships, clinical and administrative duties, life circumstances and challenges of life.

Two workshops were conducted for students on 'Stress Management' on Oct. 25. This helped them identify the sources and level of stressors. The workshop also offered the students to learn strategies to manage stress like enhancing resilience, improving problem solving skills, adopting more adaptive ways of handling difficult situations, relationships and academics.

Dr. Rushi, Professor and Head, Department of Clinical Psychology welcomed. Dr. Purusotham, Workshop Co-ordinator, proposed a vote of thanks.

City Police conduct parade of NDPS Act accused

Mysuru, Nov. 13 (KS)- The Mysuru City Police conducted a parade of those accused in the **Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act** at City Armed Reserve Grounds here on Monday.

A total of 110 people, against whom cases have been registered for selling, storing and transporting narcotic substances at various Police Stations in city under NDPS Act in the last 10 years, took part in the parade.

DCP (Law and Order) M. Muthuraju conducted an inquiry, checked their activities and warned them of initiating legal action if they were found involved in such criminal activities.

DCP (Crime and Traffic) S. Jahnavi and other Police Officers were present.

Five-year-old killed as temple gate falls

H.S. Jishnu

Mandya, Nov. 13 (KS)- A five-year-old boy was killed when the gate of Channakeshava Temple at Hunjanakere village, Srirangapatna taluk of Mandya district fell on him on Monday.

The deceased boy is H.S. Jishnu. Following *Karthika Somavara*, Jishnu, along with his family members, had gone to the Temple when the gate fell on him causing serious injuries.

Though Jishnu was admitted to MIMS Hospital in Mandya immediately, he succumbed to injuries yesterday. A case has been registered at Arakere Police Station.

Meanwhile, villagers and relatives of Jishnu, holding Muzrai Department responsible for his death, have expressed their anger.

They said that the gate of Channakeshava Temple, which comes under the Muzrai Department was broken since many days and the Department officials had not bothered to get the gate repaired thus displaying their negligent attitude, which resulted in the death of the five-year-old boy.

Financial feud: Man assaulted with sickle near Outer Ring Road

Mysuru, Nov. 13 (SPN&KS)- Financial feud between a borrower and a financier resulted in the latter brutally assaulting the borrower, injuring him seriously near Bogadi Ring Road yesterday night in city.

While the seriously injured borrower has been identified as Honnegowda of Maratikyathanahalli, the accused financier is Sandeep of the same village. Honnegowda and Sandeep are said to be distant relatives.

The video of the murderous assault has gone viral on social media.

Details: It is learnt that Honnegowda had borrowed lakhs of rupees from Sandeep and had started a business. Sandeep is said to have sold his site to financier Honnegowda.

Though Sandeep had requested Honnegowda to return his money many times, Honnegowda had failed to return the same.

Yesterday night, Sandeep had summoned Honnegowda near Bogadi Ring Road and requested him to pay back his money.

As Honnegowda did not respond positively, Sandeep, who chased Honnegowda on the Ring Road, assaulted him brutally with a sickle in front of a crowd with many capturing the video of the assault on their mobile phones.

Meanwhile, Saraswathipuram Police, who rushed to the spot, arrested Sandeep and shifted the seriously injured Honnegowda to a hospital.

A case has been registered at Saraswathipuram Police Station in this regard.

Rider dies after falling from scooter

Pillion rider escapes with minor injuries

Mysuru, Nov. 13 (SBD&KS)- A two-wheeler rider was killed while the pillion rider sustained minor injuries after falling from the scooter they were riding on Mysuru-Doora Main Road on Sunday evening.

While the deceased has been identified as Mahesh (32), a resident of Madapura village in Hullahalli hobli, the injured is Ravi.

On Saturday, Mahesh, an agriculturist and also a cook, along with his friend Ravi, who had been to Mysuru on his Honda Dio scooter (KA-09-JT-0827) were on their way towards Doora village on the scooter on Sunday evening, when the rider lost control of the scooter near Somanna's farm resulting in both Mahesh and Ravi falling from the scooter.

Mahesh, who sustained serious injuries, was being shifted in an ambulance to K.R. Hospital in Mysuru but he is said to have breathed his last midway. Ravi escaped with minor injuries.

Meanwhile, Mahesh's father in his complaint has stated that eyewitnesses said that Ravi was riding the scooter when a dog suddenly came before the scooter, resulting in Ravi losing control of the vehicle and both falling from the scooter.

Jayapura Police have registered a case in this regard.

Obituary

Prakash

Mysuru, Nov. 13- Prakash (48), a resident of Bogadi 2nd Stage here, passed away yesterday in city.

A native of Kanchugarakoppal village in K.R. Nagar taluk, he leaves behind his wife Nagarathna, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Janata Nagar Burial Grounds, according to family sources.

Gold *mangalya* chain snatched

Mysuru, Nov. 13 (SBD&KS)- A miscreant has snatched a gold chain from a woman at Srirampura 2nd Stage here on Sunday afternoon.

The woman, who lost her gold mangalya chain weighing 30 grams and worth about Rs. 1.90 lakh, is 55-year-old Rathnamma, a resident of LIC Colony in Srirampura 2nd Stage.

On Sunday at about 3 pm, Rathnamma was proceeding on the cross road near Sankalp Apartment in Srirampura 2nd Stage towards her house when the chain-snatcher, who was standing on the roadside, yanked off her gold mangalya chain and fled from the spot.

Based on the complaint from Rathnamma, Kuvempunagar Police, who have registered a case, have collected footages of CCTV cameras installed in the surroundings of the crime spot and have launched a hunt to nab the accused.

Demo on stage lighting at Fine Arts College

Mysuru, Nov. 13 (BS)- A demonstration on stage lighting was organised at the University College of Fine Arts auditorium in the city on Monday. Internationally renowned violin exponent Dr. Mysore Manjunath inaugurated the programme by pressing the button of a light.

In his address, Dr. Mysore Manjunath said, light that drives away darkness, lights up all those which comes in the way of its rays. The influence of light on our mind is also vast. The arrangement of lights, irrespective of art forms, plays a key role, as it amplifies the effect of scenes and the surrounding environment. Similar is the impact of lights in music concerts to depict the feelings and mood of the musician.

Light designer Mahesh Kallaththi, with the help of slides on the lighting devices in use from the past to the present, explained to the students. With a hands on demonstration on the lighting effects in the theatre halls, he introduced to the students, the nuances of indoor lighting.

Earlier in his address, theatre expert Arsikere Yogananda said, such demonstrations help the students directly learn about the topic, that sets the tone for organising several such initiatives on varied topics.

Presiding over the programme, Principal of University Fine Arts College, Prof. Anita Vimla Braggs wished that the students sharpen their skills in lighting and fill the space created in the field of theatre.

Theatre teacher Megha Sameera welcomed the gathering and compered the programme.

Faculty of University College of Fine Arts Subbalakshmi, Geetha, Surya Prabha and Nataraj, artistes Srikanth and Manjunath and about 80 students were present.

Regional Transport Authority meeting on Nov. 15

Mysuru, Nov. 13 (KS)- The District Regional Transport Authority meeting, chaired by the Authority Chairman and Deputy Commissioner, will be held at the meeting hall of the new Deputy Commissioner's Office in Siddarthanagar at 11 am on Nov. 15.

Applicants related to the meeting and those interested in the related topics may attend the meeting, according to the Regional Transport Authority Secretary.

WORD OF THE DAY

Labile

Pronunciation: LAY-byle (adjective).
Meaning: Someone or something described as labile is readily open to change. Labile can also be used as a synonym of unstable to describe things that are readily or continually undergoing chemical, physical, or biological change or breakdown.
Origin: We are confident that you won't slip up or err in learning today's word, despite its etymology. Labile was borrowed into English from French and can be traced back (by way of Middle French labile, meaning "prone to err") to the Latin verb labi, meaning "to slip or fall." Indeed, the first sense of labile in English was "prone to slip, err, or lapse," but that use is now obsolete. Other labi descendants in English include collapse, elapse, and prolapse, as well as lapse itself.
Example: "Amid this high level of acting skill [musician Kate] Lindsey stood out with her wonderfully convincing gestures and facial expressions, filling out the character of the more labile younger sister with captivating verisimilitude." — Jeremy Yudkin, The Boston Globe, 17 July 2023.

THE ODD WORD

Lambrequin

Hood or covering for a helmet.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Let's Roll

Meaning: "Let's roll" is a phrase which is used as a proclamation to move forward and proceed with an action, attack or venture.
Origin: The phrase was famously used on September 11, 2001 when Todd Beamer said on Flight 93: 'Are you guys ready? Let's roll' as he took action against the hijackers on the flight that ended up crashing in Somerset County, Pennsylvania. USA.
Example: "What are you waiting for? Let's roll!"

QUOTE BOX

You cannot find peace by avoiding life. **—Virginia Woolf**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

PLUMPLUMPLUMPLUM

Answer: Plum line.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Royal Aeroscape, abbr.
4 International news giants
7 Plunder, steal or pilfer
10 Kitchen wash-space?
12 Toilet, especially in England ?
13 Goes off the straight and narrow path?
15 Cherish
17 Aircraft Collision Avoidance Sys.
18 Cropped hairstyle
19 Support, fortify, prop
20 One of the Pandavas
23 Despondent
25 Noisome
26 It divides Egypt and Arabia? (3,3)
29 Fifth note of the scale
30 Virtuoso guitarist Steve ___
31 Kohli's IPL side
33 Thin sheer cotton fabric
36 Among other things, inter ___
37 Difficult
38 Shrill tone
39 Caper or escapade
42 Young goat
43 Prosperous period
44 Counted
49 Black fuel
50 Smartphone program
51 Abolished Indian custom
52 Natl Def Acad.
53 Not Invented Here
54 Itch or desire

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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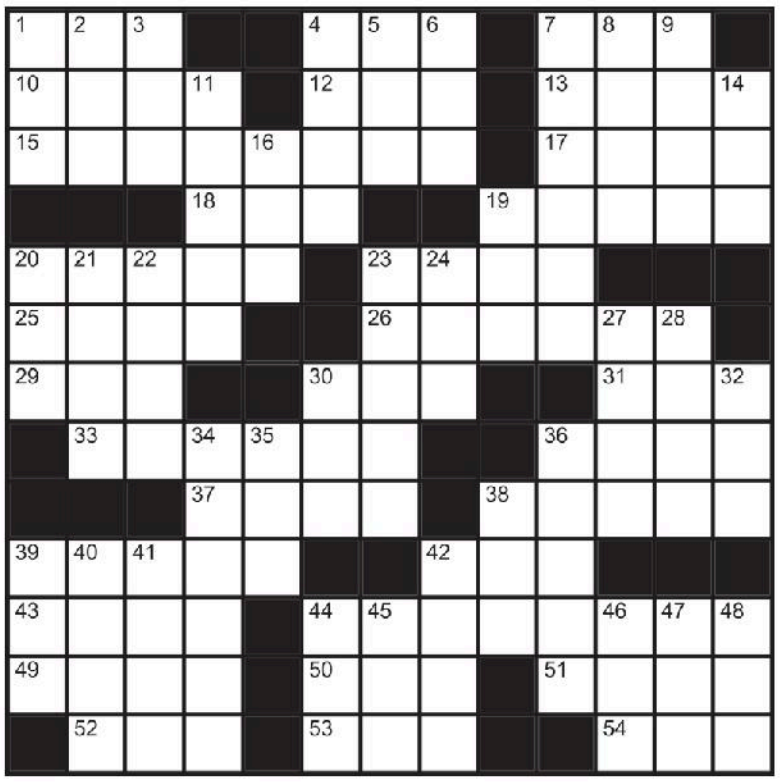
DOWN
1 Q-U connectors
2 Tune
3 Nav. reading
4 Putter or driver
5 And not; neither
6 Notice of exception, abbr.
7 Supplies new weapons
8 The killer whale
9 Bric-a- ___ : Miscellaneous curios
11 Afghanistan's capital city
14 180 degrees from NNW
16 A male offspring
19 Nip in the ___ : suppress or destroy at an early stage?
20 Auto Flight Sys.
21 Unoccupied space?
22 Mumbai suburb
23 Fine and splendid
24 A Hawaiian garland
27 Mystery writer ___ Stanley Gardner
28 Having a sour taste
30 Comedian __ Das
32 At ___ : unable to escape; cornered?
34 Capital of Himachal Pradesh
35 Resinous deposit
36 Yellow fever bug
38 Curved bone
39 School song start
40 Time of day
41 Frog-like creature
42 Kilometres per hour, acronym
44 Girl's name - "Ann" changed?
45 India's real-time payment system
46 Shaft, beam
47 French season
48 Clamour



SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

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7	5	8	4	6	2	3	1	9
4	2	6	9	3	1	7	8	5
3	1	9	8	5	7	4	2	6
8	3	4	7	2	6	5	9	1
9	6	1	3	8	5	2	7	4
5	7	2	1	4	9	6	3	8

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

UQ PMY CUBBJY DA BUAAUEKJPR

JUYI DHHDGPKQUPR.

TODAY'S CLUE: P EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Do good with what you have, or it will do you no good.

MOVIE LOVERS

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  Santhosha Sangeetha (K) - 4 Shows
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- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  Yalakunni (K) - 2 Shows; *Singham Again (H)* - 2 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — **Ph: 2452958**
  Singham Again (H) - 4 Shows
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  Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 (H) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  Amaran (Ta) - 4 Shows

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Venom: The Last Dance (E-3D)	(S-1)	10.35 am
Amaran (Ta)	(S-1)	1 pm, 7.05 pm
	(S-2)	4.15 pm; (S-3) 9.55 am
Singham Again (H)	(S-1)	4.15 pm; (S-3) 1.15 pm
Appudo Ippudo Eppudo (Te)	(S-1)	10.25 pm
Lucky Baskhar (Ma)	(S-2)	10.10 am, 7.30 pm
Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 (H)	(S-2)	1.05 pm; (S-3) 7.15 pm
Oru Anweshanathinte Thudakkam (Ma)	(S-2)	10.25 pm
Behind The Scenes (K)	(S-3)	4.10 pm
Bagheera (K)	(S-3)	10.25 pm
	(S-4)	9.55 am, 1 pm
		4.05 pm, 7.10 pm
Navagraha (K)	(S-4)	10.15 pm

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Navagraha (K)	(S-1)	10.30 am; (S-4) 4.30 pm
Legend Director (K)	(S-1)	1.15 pm
Behind The Scenes (K)	(S-1)	3.25 pm
Adiparvam (Te)	(S-1)	6.15 pm
Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 (H)	(S-1)	9.15 pm
U235 (K)	(S-2)	10.10 am
Bagheera (K)	(S-2)	12.30 pm, 3.30 pm, 6.30 pm, 9.35 pm
	(S-4)	10.15 am
Amaran (K)	(S-3)	10.25 am, 4.35 pm
Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 (H)	(S-3)	1.35 pm
Amaran (K)	(S-3)	7.45 pm
Amaran (Ta)	(S-4)	1.15 pm, 9.30 pm
Swargam (Ma)	(S-4)	7.20 pm

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Lucky Baskhar (Te)	:	8.50 am, 3.30 pm
Amaran (Ta)	:	9 am, 12 noon, 6.40 pm, 10.10 pm
Bagheera (K)	:	9 am, 12.20 pm, 12.30 pm, 3.40 pm
		6.25 pm, 7 pm, 9.45 pm, 10.20 pm
Singham Again (H)	:	9.05 am, 12.40 pm, 3.50 pm
		7 pm, 10.10 pm
Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 (H)	:	9.15 am, 12.15 pm, 3.40 pm
		7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Behind The Scenes (K)	:	10 am
I Am Kathalan (Ma)	:	1.15 pm
Navagraha (K)	:	3.45 pm
Venom: The Last Dance (E-3D)	:	3.50 pm
Ka (2024) (Te)	:	6.50 pm
Mura (Ma)	:	10 pm

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Bagheera (K)	:	8.40 am, 11.35 am, 12 noon, 3.20 pm
		6 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.20 pm, 10 pm
Singham Again (H)	:	8.45 am, 3.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 (H)	:	9.35 am, 11.55 am, 6.50 pm
Santhosha Sangeetha (K)	:	1 pm
Navagraha (K)	:	2.55 pm
Amaran (Ta)	:	3.20 pm, 7 pm, 10.15 pm

EVENTS TODAY (NOV. 13)

- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat:** State-level Handloom Expo-cum-Sale titled 'Hathkargha Mela — My Handloom, My Pride - Virasat,' JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Hebbal, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **Dastkaar Haat:** Indian Handloom and Handicraft Exhibition, Scouts & Guides Ground, behind Old DC's Office, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **Sri Nataraja Performing Arts Centre:** Nritya Sambhrama, Noopura Kalavidaru Trust Director Prof. K. Ramamurthy inaugurates, Nrityagiri Academy of Performing Arts Director Dr. Kripa Phadke chief guest, Sri Nataraja Performing Arts Centre President M.K. Balaraju presides, **6 pm;** Nritya Vaibhava by students of Sri Nataraja Performing Arts Centre, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** B.V. Karanth College Rangotsava-2024, staging of play 'Maranayaka,' based on Shakespeare's 'Macbeth,' by students of MMK and SDM Women's College, Mysuru, directed by P. Chandini, Bhoomigeeta auditorium, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (NOV. 14)

- **Inchara Kalakshetra:** Handmade (Paper Pulp) Dolls Show by K.S. Raghavendra, 'Inchara Kalakshetra,' 149/150, 4th Cross, 3rd Main, Mahadeshwaranagara 2nd Stage, Vijayanagar, Mysuru, **10 am to 1 pm and 4 pm to 8 pm.**
- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat:** Handloom Expo-cum-Sale titled 'Hathkargha Mela — My Handloom, My Pride - Virasat,' Urban Haat, Hebbal, **10 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Dastkaar Haat:** Indian Handloom and Handicraft Exhibition, Scouts & Guides Ground, behind Old DC's Office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Diabetics Health Club of Suyog Hospital:** World Diabetes Day, Anti-Diabetes Campaign *(Sihi Satyagraha)*, Ex-VC of Kuvempu University Prof. K. Chidanandagowda inaugurates, Diabetic Health Club Working President H.S. Rameshchandra delivers the keynote address, Mysuru District Journalists Association President K. Deepak releases the campaign pamphlets and the Hospital's Diabetics specialist Dr. T.M. Abhishek releases a handbook on food consumption to be followed for diabetes control, Hospital premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **10.30 am.**
- **Department of Pharmacy Practice, Pharmacy Sarada Vilas College of Pharmacy (SVCP):** World Diabetes Day-2024 (Theme: Diabetes and Well-being), Dr. M. Srinivasa, Consultant Physician, Department of General Medicine, Kamakshi Hospital, chief guest, Dr. Rangaswamy, HoD, Department of General Medicine, MMC&RI, Dr. Nandaprakash, Principal, Government Nursing College and Dr. L.P. Avinash, Founder and Chief Consultant, Krishna Ayurvedalaya, guests of honour, Dr. Hanumanthachar Joshi, Principal, SVCP, presides, Prof. Chinnaswamy Setty Conference Hall, SVCP premises, Krishnamurthypuram, **10.30 am.**
- **Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit, Sri Nataraja Pratishtana and Sri Nataraja English Medium High School, Mysuru:** Endowment Programme, Sri Chidananda Swamiji graces the occasion, journalist C.K. Mahendra inaugurates, Quiz Competition by students, prize distribution and lecture by Sri Nataraja Pratishtana Special Officer Prof. S. Shivarajappa, Sharana Sahitya Parishat-Mysuru City Unit President M.G. Sadanandaiah presides, Sri Hosmutt, **11 am.**
- **Dr. Rajkumar Kala Seva Trust:** Musical Nite 'Kanteredu Nodu,' visually impaired singers Gautham, Veeresh, Daaldurappa, Ramesh, Lingaraju and others will sing old Kannada film songs and light music songs, singers from Dr. Rajkumar Kala Seva Trust will sing along with them; poet Jayappa Honnali, former corporator Pramila Bharat, art patron Srinivas Murthy and Dr. Appaji will be the chief guests, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on 'Srimad Bhagavad Gita' (Kannada), Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm to 6.50 pm.**
- **Rangayana:** B.V. Karanth College Rangotsava-2024, staging of play 'Naagi-Karisidda' (based on Kuvempu's story) by students of La Salette PU College, Mardur, Hunsur, directed by A.S. Subhash, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana, **6.30 pm.**
- **Ganabharathi and Raasavrunda:** Nartana Namana in memory of the Gurus Lalitha Dorai, Pt. Tirathram 'Azad' Sharma, Pt. Y.N. Simha and Guru Valmiki Banerjee, 'Varna Vaibhava' students of Surabhi Gana Kalamandira — Vidu. R. Nityashree, Vidu. Akshatha Bhat, P. Prerana, Anjana Matham and Sharanya G. Bhat — accompanied on violin by Vid. M.D. Arjun and on mridanga by Vid. P.S. Sridhar; Conceptualisation and direction is by Vidushi Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar, Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm.**

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Lucky Baskhar (Te)	:	8.55 am, 4 pm
Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 (H)	:	9.05 am, 12.05 pm, 6.45 pm, 10.20 pm
Bagheera (K)	:	9.10 am, 12 noon, 12.30 pm
		3.50 pm, 6.30 pm, 7.10 pm, 9.50 pm
Amaran (Ta)	:	12.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Navagraha (K)	:	3.30 pm

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Singham Again (H)	:	9 am, 3.40 pm, 10.10 pm
Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 (H)	:	9.05 am, 2.40 pm, 6.45 pm
Bagheera (K)	:	9.10 am, 12.10 pm, 12.30 pm
		3.50 pm, 6.40 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Amaran (Ta)	:	11.10 am, 6.50 pm
Behind The Scenes (K)	:	12.30 pm
Lucky Baskhar (Te)	:	3.30 pm, 10 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	6.05 pm
Mura (Ma)	:	10.20 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

Excels in Athletics

Mamatha

Mysuru, Nov. 13- Mamatha, a first PU student of Sri Vanivilasa Ursu Girls PU College, Mysuru, secured first place in both 100 mts Sprint and 400 mts Relay (U-19 category) at the National Athletic Sports Meet, organised by Vidya Bharti Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Sansthan in Madhya Pradesh last month.

Shines in Karate

Evancka Sri Rai

Mysuru, Nov. 13- Evancka Sri Rai, a 6th standard student of JSS Public School, Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, Mysuru, has secured 2nd place in Kata (11 years age category) in the V.N. Yodha Martial Arts Academy Mysuru Cup - 4th National Level Open Karate Championship-2024 held at Teresian College in city recently.

Daughter of Akshara Rai and Satish Rai, Evancka is trained in Karate under Y.S. Raveendran of Shorin Ryu Karate Do.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Mr. Mithun C S/o Late Veerabhadraiah intends to Mortgage deed the schedule property in favour of Jana small finance Bank ltd holding the khatha of the schedule property in his name and claiming to be the present owner of the schedule property, through a Registered Will executed by Sri Veerabhadraiah in favour of Sri C V Mithun C vide registered document no MYE-3-00032-2017-18 cd no MYED 84 of book no 3 dated 12-05-2017 and Sri Veerabhadraiah having been reported to be dead as per the death certificate (DOD 15-07-2019) and based on the will he has secured due khatha in his name

So Any person or persons ascertaining any rights, title, interest, claim or disputes his owner ship and claims the said will as null and void or whatsoever over the schedule property or on any part thereof in any manner holding any claims against the schedule property are having secured attachment from courts or intends to object for creation of Mortgage deed in favour of M/s Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd on any legal grounds or from creation of first charge over the property are hereby notified to submit their objections along with documents to the undersigned within 10 days of the issuance of this public notice with all documentary proof.

If no response is received within the said time my client shall proceed with the Mortgage process will be concluded and thereafter no body whom-so-ever would have any claim what-so-ever and how-so-ever.

SCHEDULE

All that the piece and parcel of the bearing Khatha assessment No. 267/222/3/2, PID No. 152200433036025146, Situated Allanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Mysore Taluk and Mysore district. Measuring East to West 12.192 meter and North to South 13.7160 meter and with building thereon

Bounded on: East by: Road, West by: Petrol Bund Road, North by: Property belong to C V Umesh, South by: Property belong to C V Umesh.

S. SURESH B.B.M LL.,B
ADVOCATE
No, 974, 7th Main, 3rd Stage,
Gokulam, Mysore - 570 002

Place: Mysore
Date: 08-11-2024

ESTD :1916 **RBI License No. UBD KA 844P, Dt.28.01.1987**

THE MUSLIM CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,

Branch: 1) Udayagiri 2) Rajiv Nagar 3) Hunsur
Main Branch: New Sayyaji Rao Road, Mysore- 570 021.

Rule 13(4) Schedule IV
POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of the **The Muslim Co-operative Bank Ltd., Mysore** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act, 2002 (54 of 2002)] and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with [rule 3] of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, and issued a Demand Notice under section 13(2) on the dates mentioned below calling therein upon the within-named Borrowers to repay the amount mentioned below within 60 (Sixty) days from the date of the said notice.

The within - named Borrower/Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is hereby given to them and the public in general that the undersigned has taken the possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on the below mentioned date.

The Borrower/Borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property in any manner whatsoever and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **The Muslim Co-operative Bank Ltd., Mysore.** For the amount, interest & charges thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Sl. No.	Name of Borrower and Guarantor	Descriptions of the property	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Amount Outstanding in Rs.
1.	**1) Sri Moshin Khan** S/o Talmeez Khan **2) Smt. Heena Kouser** W/o Moshin Khan Door No. 20, 1st Cross, Syed Abdul Rahman Road, KEB Colony, Udayagiri, Mysuru.	Mysuru City, Mandi Mohalla, Sultan Park Road, 2nd Cross, House Door No. 2507, M-18/1, 2507/1-A, M-18/A, **Measuring:** East-West: 11.06 Feet and North-South: 29.00 Feet and adjacent to this North Western Side. East-West: 2.06 Feet and North-South: 10.00 Feet. **Bounded by: East by:** House bearing No.2521, **West by**: Conservancy & Property bearing No. 2507/1 belongs to Amthul Hasib, **North by:** House bearing No.2519, **South by**: House bearing No.2507/2.	**13.08.2024** **NPA DATE 17.07.2023**	**06.11.2024**	**A/c No. HN-358 Rs.14,30,582/- + With further interest & other charges from 07.08.2024**
2.	**1) Sri Mohammed Yakub** S/o Mohammed Yousuff **(Since deceased) Legal Heirs: 1) Sri Waseem Ahmed** S/o Mohammed Yakub **2) Sri Mohammed Yousuff** S/o Mohammed Yakub **3) Shabreen Taj 4) Amreen Taj 5) Farheen Taj** Door No. 2754, Rasool Khan Street, Mandi Mohalla, Mysuru.	Mysuru City, Mandi Mohalla, Rasool Khan Street, Corporation House Door No. 2754, **Measuring:** East-West: 47.00 Feet and North-South: 15½ Feet, **Bounded by: East by**: S.H. Mohammed Wazeer Property, **West by:** Road, **North by**: Mohammed Ibrahim @ Ameer Jan Property, **South by:** Abdul Rehman @ Chote Sab Property.	**13.08.2024** **NPA DATE 05.11.2017**	**06.11.2024**	**A/c No. HP-8436 Rs.3,64,782/- + With further interest & other charges from 07.08.2024**
3.	**1) Sri Mohammed Mukthar Ahmed** S/o Mohammed Yousuff **2) Sri Mohammed Sadiq** S/o Mohammed Mukthar Ahmed Door No. 2639, K.T. Street, Sunni Chowk, Mandi Mohalla, Mysuru.	Mysuru City, Mandi Mohalla, (Behind Akbar Road to Pulikeshi Road), K.T. Street, MKDK Road, Raja Ali Sha Makan Road, Corporation House Door No. 2639, New No. M:1, 2639/1, M:301, 2639/2, New No. M:301/1 (Western Side) **Measuring:** East-West: 6' + 17" and North-South: 12'.3" = 23 X 12.3 Feet, **Bounded by: East by:** K.T. Street, **West by:** Same Door No. Wajeed Shariff 10 X 12.3 Feet Property, **North by**: MKDK Road Cross Link Road Raja Ali Sha Makan Galli, **South by**: Wajeed Shariff Property.	**14.08.2024** **NPA DATE 05.08.2022**	**06.11.2024**	**A/c No. HP-9176 Rs.2,62,636/- + With further interest & other charges from 07.08.2024**
4.	**Sri Sadiq Ahmed** S/o K. Nayaz Ahmed Door No. 2336, New No. L-13, Erekatte Street, Lashkar Mohalla, Mysuru.	Mysuru City, Lashkar Mohalla, Erekatte Street, House Door No. 2336, New No. L-13. **Measuring:** East-West: 30.00 Feet and North-South: 17.00 Feet, **Bounded by: East by**: Road, **West by**: Private Property, **North by**: Yousuff Khan's House, **South by**: Salar's House.	**13.08.2024** **NPA DATE 18.08.2023**	**06.11.2024**	**A/c No. HN-307 Rs.4,85,078/- + With further interest & other charges from 07.08.2024**
5.	**Sri Arshad Pasha** S/o Munawar Pasha Door No. 121, Youmin Makan, Bada Makan, N.R. Mohalla, Mysuru.	Mysuru City, N.R. Mohalla, Youmia Makan, Bada Makan, Corporation House No. 121. **Measuring:** East-West: 23.00 Feet and North-South: 17.00 Feet, **Bounded by: East by**: Road, **West by:** Property No. 128, **North by:** Property No. 122, **South by**: Property No. 120.	**14.08.2024** **NPA DATE 10.05.2023**	**06.11.2024**	**A/c No. HP-8720 Rs.5,38,096/- + With further interest & other charges from 07.08.2024**

Date: 12.11.2024
Place: Mysore.

Sd/- Authorised Officer
The Muslim Co-operative Bank Ltd., Mysore

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